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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hello friends,

We're really excited about this November edition of the new magazine.

I spent almost the entire month of October traveling and giving presentations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Tennessee, Indiana, South Carolina, and Colorado. Soon after you receive this, I'll be in California speaking in the San Diego area.

We've picked a great selection of articles for you over the next few pages, tackling astronomy, the weather, geology, and more.

As we close in on the end of the year, I want to let you know just how much your interest and support has meant to us over the past year. It has allowed us to

- Offer free subscriptions to this monthly magazine,
- Expand the missions-based outreach of our free 24/7 TV network "Genesis Science Network", and
- Produce some exciting new DVD content.

Here are some current goals and projects that we would appreciate your prayers on:

- We are now on approximately 62 radio stations around the US with

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- We want to expand our video production line, but are at the point where work is piling up faster than we can keep up. Video editing is very expensive, it takes a creative eye, and we need more assistance in that area.

RECENT WORLD EVENTS:

As the recent tragedy unfolded in Las Vegas, I was in the Chicago area, speaking on Biblical inerrancy. While the Las Vegas shooting was a staggering and evil act of violence, during the same weekend, 32 more had been shot in the Chicago area. While those victims didn't get the same TV coverage, every human life is precious in the Lord's sight. As I began to ponder these atrocities, it became painfully obvious that we're becoming de-sensitized to murder.

The taking of a human life is not simply one animal killing another. We're not cosmic accidents, random chance chemical processes. In reality, we're "fearfully and wonderfully made" in the image of our Creator. Let's not forget how much He values us, and also how much He wants to have an eternal relationship with us.

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WONDROUS WEATHER

The sound of pouring rain echoed off the roof, getting more furious every minute. A sudden flash of light brightened up the dark sky, followed by a loud growling in the distance. And to think it had been warm and sunny just that afternoon! The changes in the weather around us can have a big influence on our daily lives – influencing what we wear, spoiling our picnics, or encouraging fun activities ranging from swimming to sledding.

Ingredients of Weather

Ever wonder what makes a thunderstorm after a sunny day or bright white snow for cool snowball fights? There are three main ingredients that make up the weather you live with every day: they are heat, pressure, and water. If you imagine weather as being like a moving car, heat is the gas that keeps it going, pressure is the steering wheel that directs it, and water is the person in the car. We really wouldn't have much weather (or be around at all!) if it wasn't for the energy that earth gets from the heat of the sun. The weight of the air pushing down on earth is slightly different in different places, encouraging storms in some places and cloudless skies in others. The water in the oceans, lakes, ice glaciers, clouds, etc. make our weather changes both important and beautiful.

Did you know that the air pushing down on just one square inch of your body weighs over 14 pounds (depending on where you are)? You don't usually feel it because it's also pressing up and all other directions with the same weight.

Water!

It sure is nice to drink something cold, like lemonade, on a hot day. Have you ever picked up a glass of ice cold lemonade or water and realized you just got your hand all wet because there were lots of little water droplets on the outside of the glass? There is invisible water vapor in the air all around us, similar to the steam you see on the mirror after a shower. The water vapor in the air around the glass sticks to the glass and forms droplets because the glass is colder than the air around it.

Convection

Have you ever watched someone boil water on the stove (with adult supervision)? For a while, the water is still, but soon little bubbles start forming at the bottom of the pot and are soon popping up to the top. The bubbles get bigger, and the water is soon at a rolling boil with steam swirling up into the air. One thing you probably didn't realize is that the water in the pot is basically doing somersaults. Cold water and air tend to sink while warm air and water tend to rise, causing the water to turn over itself.

This is called convection. The same kind of thing happens when the sun heats the earth during the day.

Make a Cloud!

Want to make your own cloud in a bottle? Get a clear plastic bottle with a lid (2 liter coke bottles work best) and put just enough warm tap water in the bottle to cover the bottom by about ¼ to ½ an inch. Ask a responsible adult to light a match, let it burn a few seconds, and quickly throw it into the bottle (do not do this without an adult!) Quickly put the cap on the bottle. You will see a little bit of smoke in the bottle. Gently squeeze the sides of the bottle. You may have to do this several times before you see the inside of the bottle getting foggy. You might see water droplets gathering on the inside walls of the bottle. There's your cloud! You can shake the droplets off the edge, let the air out of the bottle, and try again.

Did you know fog is actually just a cloud sitting on the ground?

Storm Clouds

To make a cloud that might turn into a storm you have to have heat from the sun, convection, air pressure, and water vapor. But, water vapor will not gather together into clouds unless they have little dust particles floating in the air to cling to, called cloud condensation nuclei (pronounced "new-cleey-eye").

That's why you had to have smoke from the match in your experiment.

Some clouds are made of ice particles, but it will not freeze unless it has ice condensation nuclei, where the dust pieces have to be hexagon-shaped, like a snowflake

Let it Rain!

Of course, clouds float in the sky, so the water droplets are too far apart for gravity to pull them down to the ground. To get rain or snow, the water droplets or snowflakes have to run into each other and stick together so that they are heavy enough to fall through the air. That's how you get rain and snow! God designed this complex, beautiful system so that we can have water to grow food and live.

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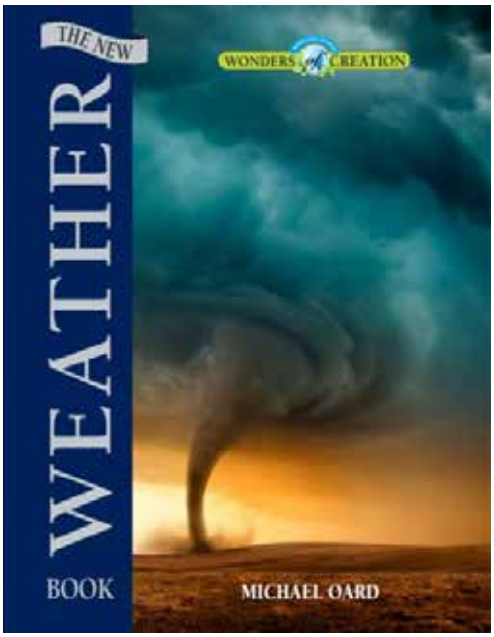

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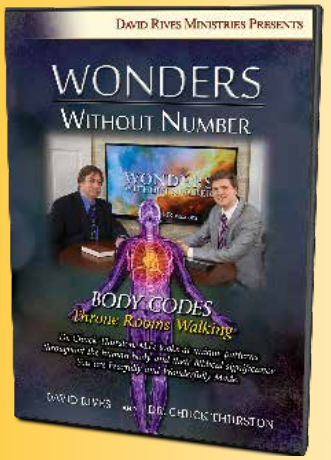

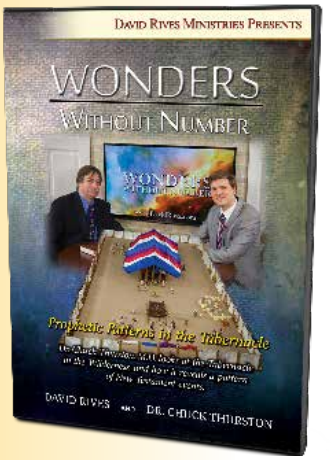

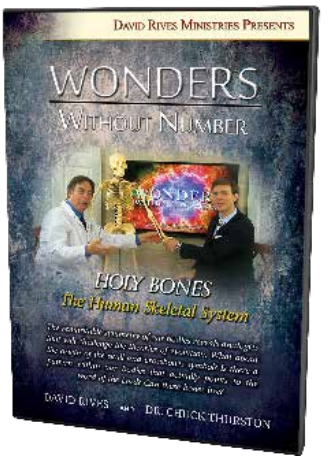

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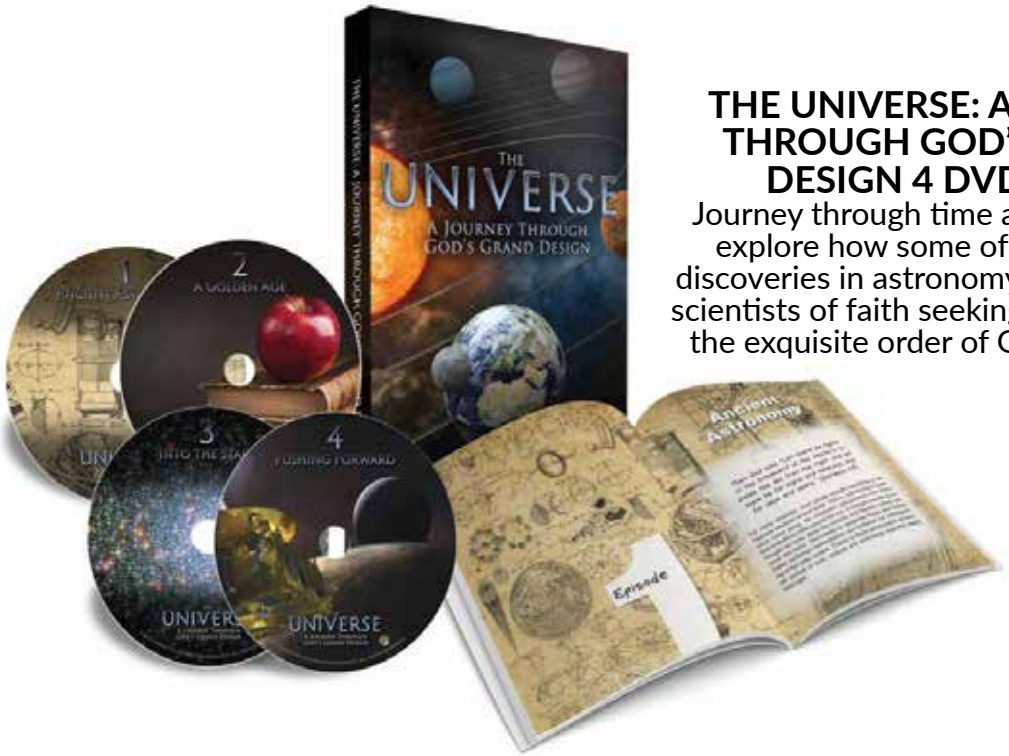

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SCIENCE IN THE NEWS:

OLD FAITHFUL DISCOVERIES

In Yellowstone, a group of scientists are trying to get a better understanding of how Old Faithful geyser works. They developed some new techniques to observe the way the ground tremors just below the surface to make a map of what it looks like under the geyser. Deep underground, magma heats water, filling and pressurizing a chamber closer to the surface that later erupts as Old Faithful. Until this recent study, geologists didn't know a lot about the chamber beneath this geyser. Their new observation techniques revealed that the underground water chamber was much bigger than expected. They estimate that this chamber is big enough to hold 79 million gallons of water, even though an eruption of Old Faithful typically spits out "only" 8 thousand gallons of water! They discovered that ground tremors lead up to an eruption, building lots of pressure and heat. When it stops tremoring and building, Old Faithful erupts. There's still a lot of work to be done to better understand this geyser. Old Faithful is a place where we can see geology in action, making real observations and testing predictions. This is what observational science - truly "provable" science - is all about. - Sara J. Mikkelson

Science Daily, October 5, 2017

TYRANNOSAURUS REX – FUZZY FEATHERED FRIEND?

You've probably seen a movie or toy depicting a dinosaur with feathers. Maybe you've even seen an artist's depiction of a fuzzy T. rex. But what did they really look like? A recent study of the world's only known fossil T. rex skin imprints (from the neck, pelvis, and tail) found no sign of feathers - just smooth, scaly skin. Further studies of dinosaurs similar to T. rex, Albertosaurus and Gorgosaurus, yielded the same results. Many evolutionists claim that dinosaurs sprouted feathers from scales. But feathers are not only strikingly different from scales in their structure, but their development path is radically different as well. God created bird kinds on day five of creation and dinosaur kinds on day six. Birds did not evolve from dinosaurs. Next time you see feathers on a dinosaur, stop and think. We usually only find the bones and sometimes skin impressions. The skin impressions we do find don't have feathers.
- David Mikkleson

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FOLDING UP THE CASE FOR THE FLOOD

BY GEORGE MAXWELL

I crossed oceans and continents this Summer to experience Israel and to hear, smell, and see the sites where God's plan of redemption unfolded! As I traveled deep into the depths of the Negev, with its squelching heat, I passed rich rolling, coral sandstone hills, radiating under the sun, and camels walking to and fro all in the presence of evidence for what is recorded in the book of Genesis. I noticed upon the side of the road an amazing geologic structure. There stood before me in the mountainside, folded strata. Folded strata are like the layers of cake, which has been uplifted and bent, but these layers are hardened rock. This phenomenon fits splendidly with Flood geology. As the Flood deposited layer upon layer of sediment, it was soft, because of water and heat. The sediments would be like play-dough and could be molded quite easily.

Psalm 104:8 says, "They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them."

Though the layers were soft, what was the force that bent these layers? The mountains rose and the valleys sank at the end of the Flood, because of the powerful impact of plate tectonics. The earth is covered with around fifteen plates. When these plates impact one another they cause earthquakes and mountains. These powerful plates and earth's internal heat would create these folds in the rocks, through lifting and shifting processes. At the end of the Flood, the layers were still soft and these tectonic forces would produce the marvelous folds seen today in the strata.

Evolutionists cannot explain such formations. They state the strata were laid down millions of years ago and that there was millions of years of time between the deposition and folding of the layers. However, the problem with such a theory is that the rock would harden after such a long period of time and folding would cause tremendous strain and cracks in the rocks, which are not observed. To explain away such data, evolutionary geologists state the rock was heated after its deposition and with enough heat was folded beneath the earth's surface. The difficulty with such a proposition is there is absolutely no evidence of metamorphism in the rocks (chemical changes in the rock caused by heating). Therefore, this folding formation could only be formed by soft sedimentary strata caused by tectonic forces soon after the Flood deposited these layers!

Deep in the Negev desert, in the land of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus, is another evidence of a rapid and powerful event, which caused such indescribable rock formations. Many a time, we only know of the geological formations in the United States, but this formation, in a country half-way across the world, displays the universal nature of the punishment of God upon the Earth. The beauty of nature allows us to glorify the Lord and trust that the Lord uses destructive events, such as the Flood, to produce splendor and create a land flowing with the milk and honey of God's Grace!

Psalm 145:5, "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

Snelling, Andrew A., (2009, April 1), Rock Layers Folded, Not Fractures. Answers Magazine, 4(2), 80-83

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MULTIVERSE THINKING

Editor's Note:
The Multiverse theory is a hypothesis that our Universe is just one of potentially billions of Universes in existence.

Many physicists have begun to cloak themselves in what they hope is the protective garment of the theory of the multiverse to protect them from the deluge of evidence that the universe is finely tuned. That the universe is finely tuned is not a question:

"We have a lot of really, really strange coincidences, and all of these coincidences are such that they make life possible," [physicist Andrei] Linde says. Physicists don't like coincidences. They like even less the notion that life is somehow central to the universe, and yet recent discoveries are forcing them to confront that very idea. ...Call it a fluke, a mystery, a miracle. Or call it the biggest problem in physics. Short of invoking a benevolent creator, many physicists see only one possible explanation: Our universe may be but one of perhaps infinitely many universes in an inconceivably vast multiverse.

So physicists and cosmologists are flocking to the secular savior of the multiverse. And to provide further protection against the scientific heresy of a creator God they have further battened the hatches against such an idea by saying there are multiple lines of evidence that point to a multiverse. The theories of eternal inflation, string theory, and dark energy all allude to the possibility that a multiverse exists. Physicist Brian Greene sums it up this way:

"Three lines of reasoning were now all pointing to the same conclusion. Eternal inflation, dark energy, and string theory.... These three ideas taken together support the idea that we may live in a multiverse. When different lines of research all converge on one idea, that doesn't mean it's right, but when all the spokes of the wheel are pointing at one idea, that idea becomes pretty convincing."

Critics are quick to point out there is absolutely no evidence of a multiverse. The idea of a multiverse came primarily as a consequence of the need to explain away fine tuning in the universe, and was then bolstered by extrapolations from those 3 unproven theories; one of which is needed to prop up the otherwise known-to-be-impossible-as-proposed Big Bang theory.

What multiverse supporters fail to see, critics in the scientific community such as theoretical physicist David Gross have pointed out: that the multiverse explanation is just too convenient. And as he puts it:

"I don't find that satisfactory. You can apply this kind of reasoning any time you don't have a better explanation."

The problem being that multiverse theory is filled not with science, not with evidence, but with assumptions. Convenient assumptions. Some might call some of those assumptions magical assumptions, because multiverse ad-

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herents assume:

- **There is some mechanism to turn out an infinite number of universes.**
- **The values for various physical constants in the laws of physics will vary from universe to universe.**
- **That in an infinite universe, every possible combination of particles will happen – multiple times, so not only would our earth be created; but multiple earths with slight varients would also be created.**
- **The big bang is true, the universe is cyclical, and thus given enough time such multiple earths would be created among the multiple universes.**

And therein lies the downfall of this talisman for scientists: It's based not on evidence, but on assumptions. One cannot say definitively whether these assumptions are true or not. Obviously those in favor of the theory will say they are, while those opposed will say they are not true. Thus we will not make judgments on the assumptions – since the theory cannot exist without them. (And we need the theory to exist at least long enough to make the point in the title.) But we will keep in mind that good or bad, none of these assumptions can be proved or disproved.

We can consider these assumptions themselves as either magical thinking, or philosophical considerations. Assuming the big bang gang will not want them considered magical thinking, we will consider them philosophical considerations. But as long as we're invoking the multiverse on philosophical grounds like the above assumptions, that opens the door for other philosophical assumptions to be added. Thus, I will add one more assumption – another philosophical consideration. An assumption that will necessarily lead to the conclusion that God exists. Here it is:

God is the maximum being in every aspect. He's maximally great in knowledge, power, perfection, existence, etc.

Some of you will recognize this as the first proposition of the Ontological argument for the existence of God. And remember, we are not making judgments on whether the assumptions for a multiverse are good are not; (If we are then my judgment is that all the assumptions that allow for a multiverse are invalid magical thinking, and poof there's goes the multiverse in a single stroke of logic.) Thus, if scientists insist on those assumptions; neither can they deny my above assumption – for all are on equal footing – they're all philosophical considerations.

Once that assumption, that first premise of the Ontological argument is allowed and followed to its logical conclusion, one must necessarily conclude that God exists. Because, just as the assumptions of multiverse theory allow for the multiverse to exist, and the values of the physical constants to vary in all the possible universes created in a multiverse (which number from 10500 to infinite depending on who you listen to), Likewise, the assumption of the Ontological argument makes it impossible for God to vary in each of those worlds – because of the nature of God. God is maximally great in every universe, and because of his nature he necessarily exists in each universe.

Since the world in which we live is one of the possible worlds created as part of the multiverse, as in the other worlds of the multiverse where God must exist, God must necessarily also exist in this world. Thus, just as the Higgs Boson will likely mean the destruction of the current theory of inflation (since it is incompatible with the current theory of inflation) likewise upon reflection, current multiverse proponents will realize that their talisman of the multiverse does not carry the enchantment that they had hoped for – namely that it would be able to ward off the need for a creator God. Instead, it has actually proved beyond doubt that there is in fact a creator God. For them it will be as the bad dream that Robert Jastrow spoke of:

> *"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."*

They could spare themselves the nightmare if they only took to heart one truth: ***"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen 1.1)***

For notes and references, see original article here: thecreationclub.com/multiverse-thinking-though-magical-doesnt-exclude-gods-existence-it-proves-it

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STRETCHING THE HEAVENS

Isaiah 40:22 says that God "stretches out the heavens" but until the early 1900's, that concept was pretty difficult to grasp. We just didn't know enough about cosmology.

A lot changed in 1912, when an astronomer by the name of Vesto Slipher, using the Lowell Observatory telescopes in Flagstaff, was able to measure an apparent recession of spiral galaxies through Doppler shift.

Now, he didn't realize the implications of his find, until others began to propose explanations for what he had observed.

What he saw could have been explained as the result of galaxies randomly flying away from us, but that didn't seem to be the most logical explanation. So, what could it be?

Try to visualize galaxies resting on the fabric of space, and then imagine someone standing at the corners of the fabric and pulling. As the fabric was stretched, the Universe (and the galaxies inside of it) would EXPAND.

Now, science has shown that an expanding Universe would explain what is observed. So, we may be on the right track. But again, with the uniformitarian assumptions that are used in science, it's easy to extrapolate backward and try to fit the Universe into a tiny dot. That's exactly what they do. They assume that a Big Bang must have caused the expansion, and they put an arbitrary date on the event of 14 billion years. This is highly theoretical.

In fact, troublesome problems within the theory, including the "horizon problem" cause them to create a rescuing device for their model, claiming that perhaps the Universe hasn't always expanded at the same rate, and during the beginning of the Universe, the heavens were rapidly stretched before settling down to the more linear, slow expansion that we see today.

The Universe might have been rapidly stretched, but I wouldn't agree that it magically and spontaneously took place 14 billion years ago. I mean, a random natural event forming the universe seems pretty unlikely. It certainly isn't scientifically observable.

But if the Bible is the inspired word of God, and is full of good science, then what if God REALLY DID rapidly stretch the fabric of space in the beginning, before setting it on a sustaining linear path of expansion?

"I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded." Isaiah 45:12

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Charles Darwin, through his research, found that species do change. And they change a lot! This is observational science. But then Darwin took his ideas one step further and said that one kind of organism turned into another kind. – that all the species on earth, from bananas to hummingbirds are related to one another.

It's this idea of one kind turning into another kind that contradicts the Bible. The Biblical "kind" is not the same thing as "species." Tigers and lions are part of the cat kind, horses and zebras belong to the equid, or horse kind, and so on.

Species do change - But it's not evolution. We never see one kind of creature turning into another. That's because organisms reproduce according to their kind — just like the Bible says! -David Rives

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